



# ASSEMBLYMEMBER NICOLE PARRA

Representing the 30th Assembly District



## *Parra Notes*

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Hello Friends:

### **WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT**

The highlight of my week occurred on Monday when I received notice that **AB 272** had been signed into law Governor Schwarzenegger. **AB 272** includes custodial officers within the definition of a peace officer for the Counties of Inyo, Kings and Tulare.

This bill will give these counties significantly more flexibility in the way they administer their custodial facilities, seventeen other counties already have this classification and I now so do Inyo, Kings and Tulare Counties.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Tulare County Deputy Sheriff's Association, the California Organization of Police and Sheriffs, the California State Sheriffs' Association, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, the Inyo County Sheriff's Department, Kings County, the Peace Officers Research Association of California, and the Tulare County Board of Supervisors who have all been strong supporters of AB 272 throughout the legislative process.

### **NOW TO THE REST OF MY WEEK IN SACRAMENTO**

I began my week by meeting with **Sunne McPeak, Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing** for the Governor, to discuss the future of the **Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**. I was pleased with the commitment the Governor and Secretary McPeak have shown to improving the quality of life in the San Joaquin Valley, and look forward to working with them to ensure the Partnership receives full funding and become a permanent body.

Later in the week I had the opportunity to meet with Corcoran School Board Chairman Hugo Bello and Superintendent Rich Merlo to discuss the issues facing the schools of Corcoran. During the meeting we were able to discuss a \$2 million grant from the State Allocation Board that will be applied to the construction of a Teacher Education and Training Center that will be built in Corcoran.

As we move closer to the end of the 2005-2006 legislative session I am spending the majority of my time on the floor of the Assembly casting votes to ensure prosperity for the State of California, the San Joaquin Valley, and the 30<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. Below you will find a list of my bills that, after a year of hard work, will move to the desk of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who has until September 30, 2006 to act on the measures.

**AB 2085 (79-0)** This measure would help ensure the families of deployed National Guard personnel are able to

receive financial assistance while dealing with the absence of major contributors to the family's economic well-being. By reducing the required drop in income from 30% to 10% for deployed members, the window of opportunity for Guard members meeting the remaining two criteria is widened in a manner that allows greater access to the California Military Families Relief Fund.

*Bill Supporters:* Lieutenant Governor Cruz M. Bustamante (Sponsor) and the National Guard Association of California

**AB 2272 (78-0):** AB 2272 would provide for a 72 hour hold on an appeal to notify the prosecuting District Attorney. The prosecuting District Attorney would best know the details of a case, and would be able to provide the appealed court with the reasons why the denial of parole the inmate should continue to be imprisoned. This 72 hour hold to notify the prosecuting District Attorney could save money on court costs.

*Bill Supporters:* Crime Victims United of California

**AB 2645 (76-1):** AB 2645, which relates to sun protection, would clarify that current statute does allow students to wear hats, as protection from the sun, during physical education courses without a doctor's note or parental permission.

*Bill Supporters:* Superintendent, Corcoran Unified School District; Principal and Assistant Principal, John Muir Middle School

**AB 2711(79-0):** This measure eliminates the requirement for the Department of Financial Institutions to approve payment instruments. AB 2711 would eliminate unnecessary and burdensome regulations on businesses utilizing payment instruments while maintaining the safeguards currently required on the forms.

*Bill Supporters:* Money Gram International

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### **HELPFUL LINKS**

Operation Hero Miles

<http://www.heromiles.org/>

Care Packages for Soldiers

<http://anysoldier.com/>

### **County Information:**

Fresno

<http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/portal/>

Kings

<http://www.countyofkings.com/>

Kern

<http://www.co.kern.ca.us/>

Tulare

<http://www.co.tulare.ca.us/>

### **City Information:**

Coalinga

[www.coalinga.com](http://www.coalinga.com)

Kingsburg

[www.cityofkingsburg-ca.gov/](http://www.cityofkingsburg-ca.gov/)

Corcoran

<http://www.cityofcorcoran.com/>

Lemoore

<http://www.lemoore.com/>

Bakersfield

<http://www.bakersfieldcity.us/>

Huron

[www.fresnocog.org/city1/city\\_of\\_huron.htm](http://www.fresnocog.org/city1/city_of_huron.htm)

Avenal

<http://www.avenalcalifornia.com/>

Hanford

<http://www.ci.hanford.ca.us/>

Arvin

<http://www.arvin.org/>

Delano

<http://www.delano-ca.org/default.htm>

McFarland  
<http://www.mcfarlandcity.org/>  
Wasco  
<http://www.ci.wasco.ca.us/>

Shafter  
<http://www.shafter.com/>

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### **NEED HOMEWORK HELP?**

The **California State Library** has made available through their website a new service called **Live Homework Help**. This service enables students to connect on-line with a tutor for assistance with homework questions. Supported by Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) federal funding, students can access Live Homework Help through [28 California public libraries](#). It is important to note that the tutors who respond to student questions are screened, trained, and closely monitored.

**Live Homework Help** is easy! Log on to <http://www.Kerncountylibrary.org> from your computer any time between 1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and follow the simple setup instructions.

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### **MEETING REQUESTS**

If you or your organization would like to set up a time to meet with me or would like for me to attend an event you are sponsoring, please feel free to contact my **Executive Secretary Anna Goddard** at (916) 319-2030 or by e-mail at [Anna.Goddard@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Anna.Goddard@asm.ca.gov).

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### **INTERNS WANTED**

I am accepting applications for the internship program in my **Hanford, Bakersfield** and **Sacramento** offices. Candidates should be residents of the **30th Assembly District**, possess solid research and communication skills, and have a strong interest in public policy and political issues facing the **Central Valley**. Applications can be found by going to:  
<http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a30>.

For Hanford office internships contact **Richard Valle** at (559) 585-7170 or by e-mail at [Richard.Valle@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Richard.Valle@asm.ca.gov).

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